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Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 7:58 AM  
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>  
Subject: Reject changes to Proposed Portland Harbor Superfund Site Cleanup Plan

Dear EPA at Portland Harbor Superfund Site,

As a Portland native, I have heard all my life about the pollution of our beautiful river. More and more people move here, who want to enjoy recreation in the river. More and more fish struggle in the unsafe water. We all deserve to have our Willamette cleaned up, and it is only right for those businesses and industries that created the pollution to pay their share of the costs.

Your plan to reduce cleanup based on a new review of the cancer risk of benzo(a)pyrene does not measure up to the standard that we deserve to protect the river and its users. These findings do not change the fact that benzo(a)pyrene exists in our river and is a known carcinogen, nor does it take into account the threat it poses to other aspects of heart, respiratory, and reproductive health.

What your plan does is limit important cleanup efforts based on a scheduled toxicity review of a chemical that was already flagged as dangerous and in need of cleaning. This change would only benefit polluters who are responsible for that cleanup cost in the first place, showing a priority for industry profits over public need. The proposed plan also does not account for the chemical's other dangers, especially when interacting with the many contaminants within the Portland Harbor, including other PAHs, PCBs, dioxins, and more.

The community surrounding the Portland Harbor have dedicated time, effort, and resources for a cleanup plan that will restore the river to safe levels. It should not be expected to compromise its health and the health of the river, not for \$35 million and 17 acres of reduced effort. Maintain the plan outlined in the 2017 Record of Decision and abide by the timeline for revisions that are established in the Superfund cleanup process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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